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## **Ninth Circuit Plans Special Sitting at McGeorge School of Law**

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will travel to Sacramento, California, for a special sitting October 29 at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law. Oral arguments will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Lecture Hall, 3200 Fifth Avenue. A photo ID will be required for access into the courtroom.

A three-judge panel consisting of Chief Judge Alex Kozinski of Pasadena and Circuit Judges Sidney R. Thomas of Billings, Montana, and Consuelo M. Callahan of Sacramento will hear appeals of decisions from the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Northern Districts of California. The cases on the docket are:

- *Norwood v. Vance*, in which Steve Vance and other California state prison administrators appeal from a jury verdict in an action brought by Gregory Norwood, who claimed that the defendants subjected him to cruel and unusual punishment under the Eight Amendment by not allowing him adequate outdoor exercise. Prison administrators suspended normal programming at the prison where Mr. Norwood was confined during a two-year period. The defendants appeals the Eastern California district court's order awarding attorneys' fees and costs to Mr. Norwood. Cases 07-17322, 08-15778
- *Video Software Deal v. Schwarzenegger*, in which Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appeals the Northern California district court's summary judgment and permanent injunction in an action brought by the Video Software Dealers Association and Entertainment Association for declaratory and injunctive relief. The plaintiffs challenged California's violent video game law which imposes a civil penalty to any person who sells or rents a violent video game to a minor. Case 07-16620

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This is the court's first sitting at McGeorge School of Law. The teaching facility has a 300-seat auditorium in which legal education, legal argument simulation activities, and court proceedings can occur.

"I think it's a very positive thing for the court and certainly for the law school," observed Judge Callahan, who maintains chambers in Sacramento. "It's all about access, providing an opportunity for people to observe the court without having to travel long distances."

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has heard cases at various law schools throughout the circuit including Arizona State University at Tempe; the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law in Tucson; the University of California at Berkeley Law School; Stanford Law School; the University of Idaho College of Law in Moscow; the University of Nevada William S. Boyd School of Law in Las Vegas; and the University of Washington School of Law, in Seattle.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals hears appeals of cases decided by federal agencies and federal trial courts in nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions. The court regularly hears cases in San Francisco, Pasadena, Portland and Seattle, and also travels periodically to other cities within the circuit to hold court. A complete schedule of cases is available online at <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov>.

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